

RRN NAKED FROM HIS HOME.

Little Charley Whalen's Tale of Floggings by His Father.

The Latter Is Held for Examination on Charges of Extreme Cruelty.

Michael Whalen, a keeper in the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, was held in \$300 bail by Justice McMahon in the Yorkville Court this morning for examination. He was arrested on an affidavit sworn to by Officer King, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, charging Whalen with cruelly beating his thirteen-year-old son Charles.

Whalen with his family lived at 442 East Twenty-third street. A few minutes after 9 o'clock last night the lad Charles started the Sergeant on duty in the East Twenty-second street station by rushing breathless and completely naked into the station-house. The boy, crying and, between sobs, he told the sergeant that he had run away from his home to escape a flogging which his father was preparing to give him.

The sergeant saw at a glance that the boy's right side was bruised and marked with stripes, which appeared to have been made with a whip or a similar instrument.

Charles said that his father had been in the habit of whipping him, first standing him in a corner after tying his hands and feet, and the marks on his body were caused by a flogging he had received in that manner last week.

The sergeant notified the Children's Society, and Officer King, who had a suit of clothes, and began an investigation. The boy repeated his story of the flogging he had received at the hands of his father. He pointed to the bruises on his side, and said that his father last night undertook to chastise him again with the same strap that had caused those ugly-looking marks.

The little fellow said he had been out late last evening, and when he came home he found his father very angry. The latter ordered him to take off all his clothes, prepared to whip him, but when the father's back was turned the boy ran out of the house and never stopped running until he reached the station-house, which is about two blocks away.

Officer King further learned that the boy was fond of the street and had been arrested once for stealing some coal.

While Young Whalen was telling King of his cruel treatment his father came into the station-house in quest of his son.

He brought in his arm the lad's clothing, and told the sergeant that he was looking for his son.

Whalen was confronted with his son in the new suit of clothes with which he was provided by Officer King.

The father was boiling over with indignation at his boy's conduct, and he told Officer King that he was beyond correction.

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DEATH SIGNED THIS DECREE.

Mrs. Claudius F. Valdes for a Second Time Divorced.

Her Husband Found Drowned Soon After Their Reunion.

There is a crape on the door of 312 Livingston street, Brooklyn, this morning, although the body of Claudius Francisco Valdes, who lived there and who was drowned at Far Rockaway yesterday, had not yet reached the house.

Valdes was a well-known member of Dr. Talmage's church, and a man whose remarkable matrimonial experiences have furnished the gossip of Brooklyn with much to talk about.

He had been on a visit to his friend, Senor Puentes, of the Spanish Navy, who is summing up at Sea View Terrace, Far Rockaway. Yesterday afternoon he went for a plunge in the surf, and about half an hour after he had entered the water he was seen floating some distance from the shore. His arms were folded on his breast.

The lifebuoy brought him ashore and an attempt was made to resuscitate him, but without avail. It is supposed that he was taken with cramps in the water.

Mr. Valdes was an active member of the Tabernacle, and was liberal in his contributions to the church. His wife, too, was a very popular member of Dr. Talmage's congregation.

In 1884 Valdes lived on Dekalb avenue. Mrs. Valdes was a pretty blonde, she had many admirers, among whom was Herman F. Boehne, who was married to her and had two children.

During the summer of 1884, Dr. Talmage's church was shocked by the announcement that Boehne had eloped with Mrs. Valdes. The couple went West.

Afterward Mrs. Valdes continued his business, placing a young man named Krepps in charge of it. A year later Mrs. Boehne obtained a divorce from her husband.

Valdes also got a divorce, and when Mrs. Valdes learned of his action she married Boehne.

A few weeks later Mrs. Valdes died. In 1887 Valdes fell in love with Mrs. Seaman, a teacher in Dr. Talmage's Sunday-school, and when he came home he found his father very angry.

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JAIL INSTEAD OF THE ALTAR.

Mr. Crane Arrested on the Train With His Intended Bride.

A Young Englishman Accused of Various Swindles.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) GREENFORD, L. I., Aug. 21.—Society here is stirred by the arrest of George H. Crane, a young Englishman, on a charge of forgery. Crane was arrested on a train, in company with Miss Alice Conway, a beautiful and popular young lady. They were on their way to be married in New York.

When the constable boarded the train, his intended bride became almost frantic and there was great consternation among their friends.

Miss Conway then heard the story of Crane's crookedness for the first time and was appalled by it. Crane had masqueraded as one of the most correct of young men, made by Martin B. Waller, Secretary of the Long Island Rail Road Company.

He charges Crane with an attempt to defraud the company by having him hand a check for \$50 in a sealed envelope addressed to Cyril Coulombe, St. Thomas, Quebec. Waller asked Crane to mail the letter.

Instead of mailing the letter Crane broke open the envelope. He induced Coulombe's name on the check and wrote his own beneath it.

He also charged with swindling Babel, a leading grocer of this place, out of nearly \$100,000. Crane was a member of the Episcopal Church here out of about \$500.

The prisoner has been committed to the River House, where he will await the action of the Grand Jury in October next.

Crane is decidedly prepossessing and winning. He is a well-dressed young man, an Englishman, and he belongs to an old family.

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TO BREAK NEWCOMBE'S WILL.

His Disinherited Daughter, Mrs. Flossie Lederer, Begins a Contest.

She Alleges that Her Father's Mind Was Poisoned Against Her.

When ex-Judge Donohue and Col. John H. Fellows appeared before the Probate Clerk today to present the formal testimony of Charles R. Newcombe and Albert Cardon, witnesses of the will of the late lawyer Richard S. Newcombe, they received the first formal notice that Mrs. Flossie Lederer, the disinherited daughter of the brilliant lawyer, would contest the will.

Julius J. Frank, of 45 Wall street, appeared as counsel for Mrs. Lederer, and stated that Ira Leo Hamburger, another lawyer, would apply for appointment as guardian ad item of Mrs. Lederer.

The matter was set down for Tuesday next, when the formality of appointing Mr. Hamburger will take place.

The contest will be made on the ground that Richard S. Newcombe's mind was poisoned against his best-beloved daughter by others interested in getting his property, and the contestants will ask that the case be transferred to the Court of Common Pleas, in order that it may be tried by a jury.

The beautiful little contestant came into the Probate Clerk's office, accompanied by George W. Lederer, the theatrical manager, whom she married against her father's wishes at Long Island City, N. Y., in 1889.

She was twenty years old last month. Her marriage with a girl and her father had been effective to-day by the tailor-made gown of black, the black jacket and mourning hat which she wore.

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BENNINGTON'S TRIP STOPPED.

Sudden and Mysterious Return of Uncle Sam's New Gunboat.

Fears were entertained that something was wrong on the gunboat Bennington, when she was seen lying in the lower bay, off Sandy Hook Light-house, at daybreak this morning.

What she is lying there for is a mystery, unless she is disabled, but she has displayed no signals of distress, and this makes the matter more uncertain.

The Bennington left her anchorage off Quarantine at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon on her final trial trip. It was expected that the vessel would remain at sea at least forty-eight hours to make a thorough test of her engines, compasses, etc., but she returned at 4 o'clock last night.

No one has come ashore from the vessel, and consequently no one knows the reason for the Bennington's unexpected return.

Since no call for assistance has been received it is thought that the damage, if an accident has delayed the test, is of such a nature that it can be repaired without a call for help.

According to the provisions of the contract the final test of the Bennington must be made before Sept. 7 under the supervision of the Trial Board, consisting of Rear Admiral Lewis A. Kimberly, the theatrical manager, and Commander Joseph W. Humphreys, Chief Engineer William G. Hatcher, Lieut. Leavitt C. Logan and Capt. C. F. Porter, of the Marine Corps.

The commander of the vessel is Royal B. Bradford.

Contractors of the Bennington are the N. F. Palmer, Jr., Company. Under the terms of the contract \$15,000 of the \$40,000 cost of the vessel is to be paid in advance.

Many weaknesses or defects in the hull or machinery should be discovered alterations will be made at the expense of the contractors. The Bennington was fully equipped at noon that she had no official information about the Bennington. Her trial trip was made under orders from Washington, and all reports would be made by the Kimberly Road to the Secretary of the Navy.

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